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Oak. Stake News

By Mildred M. Fontana
Relief Society

The elite of the stake's Relief Society and their husbands gathered at the Alameda chapl May 8 in honor of the retiring stake R. S. president, Hilda Perkins, witth her associates Delia Bates, Gertrude Lesser, and Rose Clark.

Flowers, music, reminiscing, and refreshments were the order of the evening. Remembrances were presented, a silver tary to the president, and books for the other sisters.

Good news comes from Korea to the effect that Gene Humphries and Bates Brian have succeeded in organizing a Sunday School in Korea among servicemen. Six or seven were present

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Remember When?

Oakland ward's annual Home Coming will be held in the chapel Saturday and Sunday June 9 and 10. Saturday at 6:30 p.m. a pot luck dinner will be held followed by a special program and picture show.

Sunday the regular services will be held with W. Aird MacDonald as the sp-cial speaker of the evening meeting. This meeting will inilude recognition of the former ward members who are invited to be present. Since the Oakland ward originally included all of the east bay, this old timer gathering will include the whole membership of the two stakes who were here at that time.

The title of the Home Coming will be, "Remember When?"

Berk. Stake Primary Summer Program; Convention June 9

Beginning in June, lessons will be outlined for each month throughout the year.

Primary is the only place where children may go on week days to learn the principles of the gospel.

Satan is more active now than ever in trying to lead our children away from the church. There are all kinds of worthwhile groups that the children may join as cubs, brownies, Bible classes, social centers, etc. These are often led by well-trained, intelligent teachers and there is no doubt that the children gain much from belonging to some of them. BUT do they lay the foun-

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Pres. McKay Dedicates Gridley's New Chapel

The very first Sunday after he was made president of the church President David O. McKay came to Gridley to dedicate their new chapel. The local daily press, Appeal-Democrat of Marysville-Yuba City, under the date of April 23, 1951, gave a great spread for the event consisting of a column and one half of copy and four two-and three-column pictures showing Elder McKay in various poses and activities, one featuring his wife.

Presiding Bishop LeGrande Richards accompanied the president.

President McKay has not been in Gridley since 1910. The chapel has cost $187,000. Harry McClure is president of the stake which includes besides Gridley, Yuba City, Oroville, Grass Valley and Chico. More than 1000 persons attended the sessions.

San Francisco Stake News

By JEAN LAUPER

The 222nd Quorum of Seventies gave a successful dinner the evening of May 12. Primarily it was to raise funds for the welfare program, and it cleared $400 which was sent to the stake. Given the night before Mother's day, it honored the mothers of the stake. A wonderful dinner was served, and during the dessert and after, some fine entertainment was provided. Both church and professional talent were represented. Edward L. Howard was in charge and the following officers of the quorum took charge of different phases of the evening: LeGrand Nielsen, food chairman; LeRoy Titus, tickets; Clarence Clawson, kitchen; Emmett Beattie and the Sunset ward seventies, tables and decorations; Frank Heiss, serving, and Joe Johnson, clean up. Two handsome baskets of flowers decorated the stage. They were sent by Fred Cushman, who is not a member of the church. Scout Troop 107 of Mission ward did their troop good turn by manning the check room. The money raised in this manner was presented to the stake missionary fund.

Dick Palmer, superintendent of the stake MIA has an exciting trip coming up in June. About the middle of the month he with his wife, LaPrele, and their three children, will head for Cedar City, Utah, where they will attend his parents' golden wedding anniversary. There will be a three-day celebration. On Friday, June 15, the immediate family will be with their parents. The following day the townspeople and friends of many years are entertaining the elder Palmers, and on Saturday

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Ho! For Idaho Falls in June! Temple Caravan to Take Off Morning of June 16

The second annual Berkeley Stake Temple Auto Caravan and Chartered Bus Pilgrimage, Santa Rosa Stake cooperating, will leave the Berkeley chapel, Walnut and Vine, E. I. T. M. June 16, 1951. It is explained that the four letters, E. I. T. M. mean simply "early in the morning," six a.m. to be specific, at which time President W. Glenn Harmon will pronounce the departure prayer in the chapel lounge and the Pilgrimage will set out for the Idaho Falls temple.

An anticipated one to two hundred members will enjoy the week of fraternal and spiritual pleasure and uplift, according to latest reports.

MORMON MALE CHORUS AT PRE-PILGRIMAGE FREE CONCERT

Friday evening, June 8, a near-professional pre-pilgrimage free entertainment featuring the famous Mormon Male Chorus will be presented in the Berkeley Chapel at 8 p.m. Frank Persons will read ,in his impressive manner, special modern scripture appropriate to the sacred purpose of the temple pilgrimage. Every Latter-day Saint and their friends are cordially invited.

RESERVATIONS NOW BEING CONCLUDED

All persons contemplating joining in this pilgrimage are urged by the general chairman, Delbert H. Rock, to make sure their registration cards are now in the hands of ward and stake geneogical committees. This is most important so that reservations may be made for the evening meal and sleeping accommodations in Winnemucca.

STOPS ALONG THE WAY

Leaving the Berkeley Chapel

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Business News

● Dr. Leo J. Parry opened his chiropractic office in Hayward on December 19, 1921, and has been in continuous practice in Hayward since that time.

● Clifford E. Johnston moved to the Hayward area in the latter part of 1926. At the time his vocation was that of a lather and in the early thirties he was employed at the Hayward Poultry Producers Assn., until about 1947. During that time he was developing his chicken business which became his vocation in 1947.

● Bishop Webb first moved to Hayward in 1927. Later he moved to Oregon and returned to Hayward in 1935. He was first employed in the Chevrolet plant in Oakland and also worked at the trade of a lather. For the past several years he has been engaged in the chicken business, specializing in fryers and roasters.

● Fred Welchoff came to Hayward about 1932 and has been engaged in operating meat markets ever since.

● D. Ross McClellan moved to Hayward in 1936 and since that time has been engaged as a general contractor. He was the contractor on the Hayward ward chapel. He has become a very successful and prosperous business structure contractor.

● Jim Lee, the big wholesale hardware salesman of Walnut Creek, was dubbed "Jim Lane" erroneously in the April issue of the Messenger. Jim made a trip to northern California and Oregon the first two weeks in April.

● Walnut Creek also was the ocassion for a mortuary call upon

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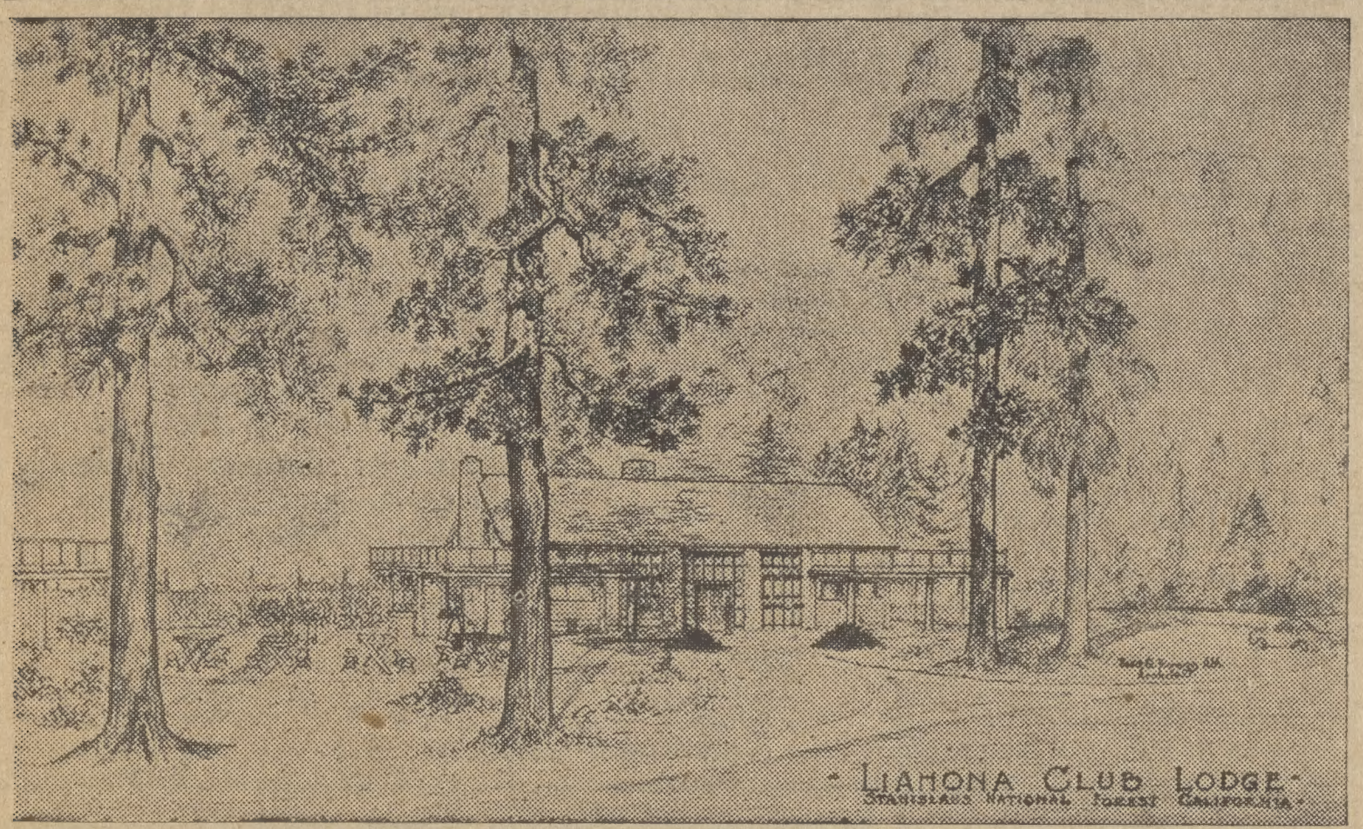

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Dinner Rally of the Liahona Club Held May 28. The Liahona Lodge Completion Planned During Current Season. By United Sacrifice of Everyone, in Great Zest and Fun, it Shall Be Done in Good Old 1951

A great and stimulating throng of about 150 Liahona Lodge enthusiasts of the east bay sat down to a hearty, piping hot banquet of savory roast beef served by the Relief Society ladien in San Leandro ward's ntwly dedicated chapel Monday, May 28, and rose to sign pledges that make a near reality the erection and dedication during June, July and August of the proposed Liahona Lodge, shown above, as it will stand on the great Stanislaus amid the pines of the high Sierras

Inspired by a truly eloquent lecture by chief of recreation in the forest, Frank J Sweeley, accompanied by a gorgeously colored talking picture, and further enthused by a display-size artistic drawing of the proposed lodge by our architect, Theodore Ruegg, the Liahona club's old members, new members and their loyal wives left the banquet hall with united vision and dedication to the unfinished task that lies before them.

Gathering momentum as the various speakers voiced approval, the responsive audience heard commendation for the definitely LDS mountain campsite available to church young people's organizations as well as to LDS business and professional men and their families and friends.

Speakers included Attorney A. D. Ericksen, president of the club and originator of the mountain campsite project; Dr. Emery R. Ranker of the Berkeley stake presidency; Clifton D. Boyack, school principal and summertime director of Berkeley city's Cazadero camp; Almadeane Ericksen Feller and Flora Sears, presidents respectively of the YLMIA of Berkeley and Oakland stakes; Kirke Decker and Sid Feller, president and recreation leader, respectively, of the Berkeley stake YMMIA; Ray E. Campbell of Suisun, newspaper editor and publisher, and also printer of the Messenger; and Sam Scott, one of the club's founding fathers, and leader of the first construction gang at the campsite in July 1951.

Crystalizing the guiding spirit of this mountain project into the one word, "service," Dr. Ranker gave his whole-hearted recommendation personally and as a member of the stake presidency. "My heart is with you," he said. "Your effort of service to the young people of the church is the gospel in action. The privilege of having such clubs as the Liahona club is one of the finest things we enjoy in this area; your project is one of service. I sincerely hope that you all get together and erect this lodge this summer." He concluded his remarks with an invocation, "May God bless you in these efforts to do good."

Other interesting events of the evening's festivities were the mulligan stew contest between the three territorial sections of the club which now extends from the Carquinez straits to Newark and Niles; the camp bedmaking demonstration by Abe Atwood and the scouts of Hayward, using as "guinea pig" our good member,

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3-Stake Genealogical Meeting Held S. R. Joins With Berkeley and Oakland

The three stakes of Santa Rosa, Oakland and Berkeley joined Sunday, May 20, in a large tri-stake convention in the Oakland chapel at which James Kirkham of the Church Genealogical Society attended and spoke as well as stake presidency representatives Angus H. Norberg of Oakland, Thomas C. Byrne of Santa Rosa and W. Glenn Harmon of Berkeley. Heading the three stake genealogical committees were Elder Davis of Ukiah, Santa Rosa stake; Herbert Van Noy of Oakland and Dr. C. Ronald Smith of Walnut Creek. Members of ward committees present included Brothers Silva, Call,

Claremont Ward Given Eighty New Members

Word is released by the Berkeley stake presidency in cooperation with the Oakland stake presidency, and both the bishops concerned, that during the month of May, 1951, about 80 new members in 26 families of the Oakland ward were transferred in membership to the Claremont ward of Berkeley stake.

Purpose of the shift in territory is to provide Claremont ward with an area where its members can find new building lots within the ward boundaries. Before the addition of the new territory, Claremont found that its western boundaries were being preempted by both business and other groups so that the young church members had nowhere to look for building sites within the ward borders.

It was a condition of strangulation, so to speak. At the same time Oakland ward is a very large ward both as to the extent of its boundaries and its membership, and could well spare the transfer of the 80 from its rolls, tho, of course, they felt the regrets of parting with these old friends.

The area effected is in the Claremont district. The separating line between the two wards formerly was Claremont avenue for its entire length, and streets north to the School for the Blind. Henceforth the boundary will be 55th street from the bay to Claremont avenue, along Claremont to Forest, along Forest to Lawton, along Lawton to Broadway, and out Broadway its entire length to the tunnel.

SALIENT POINTS OF CONVENTION BY VARIOUS SPEAKERS

● The great apostacy stretched from about 300 A.D. to 1830. The myriad souls who lived and died during that spiritual nighttime are just as precious as those alive today. Now the power to bring the gospel within their reach, tho dead, has come to earth, and within our hands rests the great opportunity to bring deliverance to the captive, and thus win for them and for ourselves everlasting joy and divine acclaim.

● Suppose we had lived, let us say, in the 17th century, and those ancestors of ours were now living on earth, would we not be looking anxiously to them for our temple work to be done for us. Here applies Jesus' words "Whatsoever ye would that men do to you, do even so to them."

● Our ancestors were wonderful people. They had great yearnings to be with Christ. Elder James Kirkham spoke of reading the diary of one of his ancestors in which this worthy man expressed his great hope for a future with Christ.

● Altho temple attendance increased by 17 per cent in the first three months of this year over the same period in 1950, still we are falling short in research this year as is shown by the fact that 43,000 less new names have been sent to the temples of the church than a year ago at this time. Hence, research is the prime need of the hour.

● Statistics show that there are only 4½ persons per ward of the church who are sending in names for clearance, or 38 persons per stake on the average.

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Do You Need Some Talent For Your Ward Show?

Probably some of the talent that made the Berkeley Second ward "Bigtime Varieties—A Fun Show" such a big success May 12, 1951, may be just the pep needed in your ward show to draw the crowd, and make everybody happy.

Every number was excellent and drew big hands of applause under the able emcee, Clif Boyack. But some of the more jovial ones were "Rube" by Frank Tiffany; "Latest Fashion Show," by ward scouts; "Music Is It" by Roy Clovis; "Days of Yesterday" by Scott Barrett and company; the "Chansonettes," Mary and Lauriine Ellis and others, "Comedy Numbers" by Al Liota, and the wonderful acrobatic dancing of Karren Jarman.

San Francisco Holds Quarterly Conference

San Franiscco stake held its quarterly conference Saturday and Sunday June 2 and 3 at the same time that the Santa Rosa stake was holding their quarterly conference. But unlike the Santa Rosa gatherings which enjoyed the presence of an apostle, Ezra Taft Benson, the San Francisco meetings had assigned to them no one of the General Authorities, and with Henry C. Jorgenson representing the General Welfare Committee.

Inter-Mountain News Notes

Mrs. Emma Lucy Gates Bowen, wife of Elder Albert E. Brown of the Council of the Twelve Apostles, died April 30, 1951 at the age of 71. She was a granddaughter of Brigham Young. Her mother, Susa Young Gates, was a talented and very active writer and leader among the women of the Church in her day.

Emma Lucy was a most charming woman; a highly talented and trained opera singer both in Europe and America. At age of 13 she won a prize at the National Eistedfod as a pianist. From that time forward she rose steadily to great successes at home and abroad. Her brother, B. Cecil Gates, was a successful musical ecomposer whose works are permanent parts of Church music. Her sister, Leah ,is the wife of Dr. John A. Widtsoe ,and co-author of "The Word of Wisdom' 'and other books on foods and health.

The editor of the Messenger, while in Manhattan, N. Y. C. as a missionary near the turn of the century, lived next door to the Gates family. Lucy, being then a young music student and her father a missionary. Meals and meetings in the company of that LDS family were highlights of those bygone days.

Sister Bowen raised Elder Bowen's two sons who had been orphaned at the childbirth death of their mother. One, Richard Bowen, is now an attorney in San Franciso and active in the Church.

● Utah businesses enjoyed an unseasonably active first quarter (for 1951) in business.

● A Congressional committee May 3, 1951, released to the Ute Indians of Utah one - third share of a $17,-000,000 fund coming to them as reimbursement for land taken from them 20 years ago; land on which oil later was found. $1,000 payment will be made to each of the 1600 in the Utah tribe. The Utes themselves have had the government set aside $5,000,000 fund for a three-year program to improve their land holdings and schools. President Wilkinson, new head of BYU, won this remarkable legal victory for the Utes as a Washington attorney just before accepting the BYU presidency.

● Salt Lake City teachers have voted to accept an eight and one half per cent salary increase, far below living cost jumps. The Salt Lake City Bus lines were granted May 4 an increase in bus fares. Cash fares remain at 10 cents but tokens go up four for 35c instead of three for 25c. One may still buy weekly bus passes in Salt Lake City for $1.40 (raised from $1.25) and ride as much as one wished.

● Dixie Junior College, St. George, Utah, has Dr. Ellvert H. Himes as president, currently coordinator of attendent affairs and professor of education at BYU. He is an active LDS; his wife was the former Mildred Ann Harter of Salt Lake City.

● Glenn E. Snow, long time Dixie Jr., College head, has accepted a flattering appointment with the National Education Association in Washington D. C. He was president of that association five years ago.

● The May issue of the Improvement Era printed 100,000 copies. an all time record for Church magazines. It features great thoughts and life stories of the late president Smith and the new presidency.

It's other departments excell in variety and interest in the May number.

● The Deseret News Magazine section Sunday May 6, features a jet pilot's life, stationed at Hamilton field and flying out over the ocean when alerted to spot approaching planes, ships, etc. The pilot turns out to be a 25-year old LDS from Brigham City, Utah, Lt. Price. He and wife, Cleone R. Price, live in a San Rafael apartment.

Patriarch O. F. Ursenbach Dies at Age 80 in Los Angeles, Calif.

The gentle and beloved patriarch to South Los Angeles stake, Octave F. Ursenbach, 80, a former president of the Swiss-French mission, died quietly early May 4.

In addition to his many years of church work, O. F. Ursenbach contributed to church literature with four religious books and a book of poems. In 1908 he published "Why I Am a Mormon;" "Redemption," published in 1928; "Condemned to Live," about 1930; "The Quest," now in its third edition, was published in 1945, and a book of verse, "Silver Linings," was published in 1925. His poems have been published in the Juvenile Instructor, The Improvement Era and the Relief Society Magazine.

Set apart as patriarch soon after his return from the mission field, he was also called to act as storekeeper and bookkeeper at the Bishop's Storehouse, then located in the old California mission building. He continued his employment at the Bishop's Storehouse until the first of this year when, on January 14, his physician advised him to retire.

SANTA ROSA STAKE NEWS

By LU CARTER

The stake youth award party was held at Santa Rosa on April 27, with Reed Keller, stake high councilman, in charge of the affair. A large crowd of over 200 young people were in attendance with representatives from each ward and branch in the stake. The genial master of ceremonies was Brother Harold Southwick of the Ukiah ward, who kept the evening moving with skits and musical numbers from each ward. Much originality was shown in the presentations of the skits.

Willits Branch was given a prize for having the best poster advertising the stake youth party. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the group awards. President John L. Murdock presented the boys' awards while Sister Murdock presented the awards to the girls' groups. The very enjoyable evening was completed with refreshments and dancing to music of the Carquinez ward orchestra.

The Stake MIA held its first outdoor affair recently at the Oak Park Lake area near Napa. Although it was a rainy day, spirits were not dampened and over 100 young people from throughout the stake showed up to enjoy a day of swimming, softball, picnicing and dancing. The affair was capably planned and handled by Sister Athol Warr and Brother George Herron. The group had the picnic area all to themselves because as the park manager stated, "No one but the Mormons would show up on a day like that."

The Stake Gold and Green ball was held at the Santa Rosa hotel, Saturday, May 26. Queens and their attendants from all wards and branches in the stake were honored during the evening. The floor show was given by a group of young people from the Napa ward under the direction of Sister Florianna Price.

President Oscar Kirkham of the First Council of Seventy, was a visitor to the stake recently and organized the 293rd Quorum of Seventies with Brother Ralph M. Shirer of Santa Rosa as senior president. The quorum is made up of Carl E. Kincaid, Vallejo ward; Raymond Kelley, Carquinez ward; Walter T. Paxton, Santa Rosa ward; Arthur I. Hancock, Napa ward; Darwin Southwick, Willits branch, and Raymond Southwick of the Ukiah ward.

Stake conference will be held in Santa Rosa June 2 and 3, with Elder Ezra T. Benson representing the General Authorities. It will be a welfare conference and there will also be a representative present from the General Welfare committee.

The President's Cup— Charles J. Taylor Agency Honored

At a general agents' convention held in Salt Lake City by the Beneficial Life Insurance company during April, Charles J. Taylor, CLU, on behalf of his agency, was presented with the company's president's cup by George J. Cannon, executive vice president. The cup is a recognition of the agency's outstanding record for 1950. It is the highest honor a Beneficial Life agency can attain. Twenty agencies were vying for the cup and were judged in regard to production, organization and cooperation with the home office.

The Charles J. Taylor agency was organized in 1938. Thirteen agents comprise the agency, which has its headquarters at 605 California Bldg., Oakland. Members of the agency are: Don C. Wood, CLU., Harold J. Hickenlooper, CLU., Marion D. Redford, David W. Clayton, Donald F. Sweet, C. Blaine Perkins, Charles E. Boatman, Jr., William V. Emery, Floyd J. Griffiths, Lyman R. Parker, James C. Nackos and Wayne W. Wanlass.

● The mightiest man-made explosion ever touched off in Utah was May 10, at Dugway proving grounds, Tooele desert, when 80,000 pounds of TNT were exploded to determine effects of underground detonations.

ROAD GUIDE TO LIAHONA CAMPSITE

Drive from Oakland to Manteca, to Oakdale, to Sonora, to Pinecrest, to the junction of Clark's Fork, up Clark's Fork to the Liahona Campsite. Road signs at junction of Clark's Fork, and at turn-in to Liahona Campsite.

The Carruths of Oakland Ward to Celebrate Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

The hosts of old friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Theron Carruth will gather at the Oakland Chapel Monday evening, June 11 to rejoice with them in observing their golden wedding anniversary.

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Claremont Ward

By GLADYS HAYASHI

With the extension of the Berkeley stake boundary line to include part of th Oakland stake, Claremont ward has been enlarged by the addition of 26 families or 80 members. Welcome into Claremont ward! We're happy to have you join our family.

Jay Brown has been sustained as the new ward clerk upon the release of Frank Blair, who has capably filled this position for the past two years.

The YMMIA has a new superintendent—Harod Eldredge, who replaces Orlando Bowman. Harold has selected Clarence Dangerfield as his activity assistant superintendent.

Delmar Young has been sustained as chairman of the ward Geneological Society. Our thanks to Brother Elbert Gleason for his faithful services during the past years in this capacity.

Arthur Wood and Orval Ellsworth were recently selected as assistants to Ed Glomb, chairman of the ward teaching committee.

Mary Eldredge has been sustained as Junior Gleaner teacher in MIA and Jeanne Reiche has been sustained as a Primary teacher.

Alice Ann Reiche was baptized and confirmed by her father, Fred Reiche, on May 5 and 6, respectively.

Congratulations to Virginia Ballou and Calvin Wood on their election as stake Junior Gleaner and Junior M Men president, respectively. The election was held at the stake frolic in Richmond, at which time our Junior Gleaners and Junior M Men presented a Shakespearean play with the following cast: Virginia Ballou, Orval Ellsworth, Arthur Wood, Enid Wood, Sandra Tucker and Calvin Wood.

Of the recently hospitalized, we have the following news: Arthur Burdett has returned to work after recuperating from a major operation which he underwent on April 24; little Peggy Lou Ahlborn is recovering from an adenoidectomy and tonsilectomy performed on May 18, necessitated by the onset of a loss of hearing (diagnosis has not yet been made as to impairment of hearing). We are happy to see Georgiana Faes back at church after her week's hospitalization recently. We hope you folks will regain your normal vim and vigor in no time at all.

June is the month of school graduations for the following students: From Berkeley high school, La-Prele Badouin, Adrienne Broadwell and Margaret Harmon; from the University of California, Scott Bybee and Don C. Wood, Jr., and from Hastings College of Law, Lyle Fackrell.

Also a graduate is Carol Stoddard, who was graduated from Primary into the MIA on the evening of May 20, when a short ceremony was performed. Keep up the good work, Carol.

A group of 25 Junior Gleaners and their parents gathered at the home of Edna Cardwell, president of the YWMIA, on May 12 for a program in memory of Sister Ethel Badouin, who was the Junior leader last year. The program consisted of a talk by Mary Ellen Carr on last year and this year's MIA themes and a resume of the Junior Girl and Junior Gleaner work, and a poem by Enid Wood. Following this, the memory books which Sister Badouin had been preparing as a surprise were presented to the girls. These books contain among other things, a record of each girl's attendance, weekly lessons, and pictures of the group. A period of singing and refreshments completed amost enjoyable evening.

Sister Rose Gleason, president of the Relief Society, announces that although the lessons for the year are completed, work night will be held every Tuesday evening in her home to prepare for the bazaar that will be held in the fall. President Gleason also wishes to convey her thanks to all of those who helped with the welfare sewing and whose efforts made it possible to finish the work on time.

A farewell party honoring Carma Fackrell and Anne Widtfelt was held at the May 1 meeting of the Relief Society. A small gift was presented to Carma and to Anne in appreciation of their capable assistance as organist and secretary, respectively, of the Relief Society. Carma and her daughter, Karen, have gone to Los Angeles and Lyle is here finishing school at Hastings College of Law. Anne and her family have moved to Lafayette. We hope you folks will visit us often.

A kickoff dinner, including program, to swell the ward building fund, was held on June 6 at the Berkeley chapel.

The following scouts from Claremont ward participated in the Berkeley-Contra Costa Area Council Scout Camporee in Richmond the week end of May 19: John Reiche, Delbert Ellsworth, Gary Millward, Larry Kingston and Jack Dunford.

Among our ward travellers are the following: Joseph E. Wood spent two weeks of active duty at Camp Roberts during the middle of May; Maurine Price spent some six weeks visiting with her parents in Ogden, Utah; Caroline Olson and Norma Davis attended memorial services in Salt Lake City; the Woods—Don Sr., Annetta, their sons, Vine and Cal—are leaving Berkeley a week ahead of the temple caravan to go through the Canadian temple, after which they will join the Idaho Falls caravan group.

The Joseph E. Woods have had as house guests for the past month, Mrs. Francis J. Russell, cousin of Sister Wood, who was visiting from Salt Lake City.

Delmar Young has recently affiliated himself with the New York Life Insurance company, Oakland office.

Hayward Ward

The boundary line between the Hayward and Castro Valley wards has been changed so as to run out East 14th street. All members who live on Foothill and Castro now belong to the Castro Valley ward.

The bishopric has asked that each family plan on staying home the first Monday of each month as that night has been set apart as ward teaching night.

The Primary conference was held May 6. It is a joy and a pleasure to see and hear our children perform. The Primary workers are certainly to be complimented. Friday night six Seagulls were graduated from Primary to MIA, being Marsha Starks, Kathyleen Ray, Norma Blazer, Easter Hawking, Helen Olsen and Donna Angelo. Iris Smith welcomed them in behalf of the Mutual.

Beulah Phelps attended our ward Relief Society work and business day to demonstrate the painting of Dresden china. Lunch was served, six of our members being honored as birthday guests.

Wedding bells rang for Hayward members. John Starkweather and Loretta Vargas were married in Reno, April 20, by Bishop Jamison. They will make their home in Hayward. Ray Deane and Florence Tavers of Centerville were married April 29 by Bishop Ostler. Ray is a barber in Centerville.

Several of our members have been in the hospital: Sister Sims for an operation, but she is now home and doing well; Sister Nina Atkins for an operation, a very close call, tho now she is doing nicely; also Leone Tingey to Fairmont hospital with abscess on lung. Her stay there may be a longer one.

Brother Neal Ewing, a marine fighter pilot, was killed in Korea. A wife and two children survive. They live at 940 Lynn Cot., San Lorenzo. Friends would be welcome.

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A lovely Mother's Day program was enjoyed by the joint wards. Brother Ralph Smith bestowed special corsages on Sister Murray for the youngest mother, Sister Dupue as the oldest and Sister Erwin as the mother with the largest family. She is the mother of 11 children.

It was President Woodruff who said, "Too many LDS people spend too much time confessing the other man's sins."

Pittsburg Ward

By THORA ASTLE

Your reporter was privileged to witness the arrival of the first boatload of veterans back from the Korean "police action." The crowd that met them was typical of all such groups, gay and carefree; but the mood was changed suddenly when the first contingent of soldiers marched off the boat and took their places in the trucks which were to take them to camp for processing. No one could look at their grim faces and tired young eyes, and still feel any desire to celebrate. All of them were young in years, but the things they had seen and lived through, placed them beyond our reach, for the moment at least.

All of us, I think, felt the guilt that comes from not having done enough to avoid the necessity of such occurrences, and if that feeling would persist strongly enough in us, perhaps we would work more diligently in the behalf of world peace. I am afraid, however, that with most of us, this guilt complex was fleeting, for the moment the last truck was out of sight, and we were no longer required to look at the ravages of war the air of tension yas relieved. The crowd relaxed and strolled away, concerned with their own problems, and forgetting that many more American boys are still fighting a desperate war.

As a church we are vitally concerned with the welfare of youth, and we, too, must throw off the chains of inertia and enter the struggle for peace wholeheartedly. If we do not find a way soon, we will doom all future American youth to the pattern stamped upon the faces of those tired, heartsick soldiers who rode through the streets of Pittsburg so recently. We cannot bring our children up on a diet of the beautiful teachings of Christ, then suddenly project them into a world of death and destruction where such an ideology does not exist and then expect them not to show the scars. We owe our youth a great debt. It cannot be expiated by merely waving at them as they return from the battlefield.

WARD NEWS

We are happy to report the return of the Rodella family to our ward from Portland, and the nicest news of all is that Mario Rodella, long associated with us in a very pleasant friendship, will soon become a member of our church, as will their son, Marvin. Mrs. Rodella, or Hildy, as she is fondly known, is a very active member of our ward, being especially loved by all of our children, from the smallest to the greatest. Families such as the Rodellas are a credit to any ward, and we are fortunate that they have returned to us.

The Relief Society is in the process of reorganization, Genieve James having been released recently as president. The ward won't seem the same without Genieve around. as we have all grown very fond of her she has been an inspiring and very capable leader. We have known that Sister James is in the Martinez ward and we've been selfish perhaps, in keeping her as long as we have, but of a good thing it is hard to let go. We have gained a great deal by our association with her.

Two Stake Mutual Improvement Assn. Event; M Men-Gleaner Week a Success

By F. PICKETT

Commencing May 1, the M Men-Gleaners of Oakland and Berkeley stakes united in a week of activities designed to bring the young people of the two stakes together in a manner to make new friends.

Ezra Taft Benson

The Santa Rosa quarterly conference was held in the Santa Rosa chapel Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3, Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve represented the general authorities, and Wm. T. Lawrence the Welfare Committee, while Roy W. Doxey came as a missionary of the Brigham Young University, the Churc's only university and a growing institution of great power for development of mind and soul.

Elder Benson is the grandson of another Ezra Taft Benson, his name sake, who aslo served the Church as an apostle ,was one of the July 24, 1847 pioneers in Utah, and came on a mission to California in 1849 for a short time, spending his time in San Francisco and northern Calif.

• Ezra C. Smith, 75, a brother of the late Presideent George Albert, died April 28 in San Diego.

TUESDAY — WEDNESDAY

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were devoted to M Men-Gleaner participation on the programs of their own wards. Many outstanding programs were witnessed by those in attendance.

THURSDAY

Thursday evening, a last minute switch took the party to Elmhurst ward in Oakland stake where many games were played, followed by community singing and, of course, the hot dogs, pop, potato chips and pickles.

FRIDAY

Friday night found the group participating in a talent display night at Oakland ward.

SATURDAY

By Saturday night many new friends had been made by all. The group again met—this time at Berkeley recreation hall—for a dinner dance. An overflow crowd bulged the walls, and many tables not used for years were needed to take care of the hungry throng.

SUNDAY

Sunday, the week now coming to a close, was topped off in fine fashion. A testimonial fireside was held in Berkeley ward. For two hours the M Men and Gleaners bore their testimonies, some so stirring it brought many a tear in the audience. Certainly the spirit of the Lord was in everyone present.

FINIS

Tentative plans have been made for the two stakes to get togther during the summer, and definitely for another M Men-Gleaner week the first week in May, 1952.

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San Francisco Stake News

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all the relatives will assemble together.

Regretable news to the stake is that the Palmers are moving the first of July to a new home in Milbrae. Dick has been outstanding in his church positions.

The MIA Maids and Explorers of the stake held their Rose Prom May 19. Planned by Marian Nelson, the decorations were ususually beautiful. Hundreds of pink balloons were grouped to form roses, and baskets of other roses, made by the MIA Maids in their classes for several weeks past, decorated windows, tables and doorways. A large corwd of young people came and had a wonderfully good time.

The stake MIA is proud of the Era record this year. Every ward went well over 100 per cent.

Three new members have been added to the YWMIA board. Elizabeth Scott has been secretary for several months past, and Marian Gardner Benson is in the Bee Hive department. June Martin, who with her husband, Jim, sings such ownderful Scotch songs, has been added to the Junior-Gleaner department.

The executive officers of the stake MIA had a most interesting evening on the ocasion of their last meeting. First Dick and La Prele Palmer entertained them at dinner at the officers' club, navy ship yard, and later they were taken for a tour of the yard. A meeting as then held where plans were made for the leadership meeting in June.

Particularly successful was the music festival held in the stake house April 27. Introduced and closed by a charming theme song, "On Wings of Song," written for the event by Lorraine Wilkinson, stake MIA music director, and her husband, Wells, the festival took its listeners on a speedy musical trip around the world. Each of the five ward choirs represented on country and smaller groups from each ward added others. Especially colorful were the Indian group from San Rafael ward, who sang to the accompaniment of a drum, and the Hawaiian women under the direction of Lydia Johansen, who in their beautiful costumes and with their native instruments sang several numbers.

San Francisco Stake Primary will be hosts to Palo Alto stake and the missions during a convention to be held all day Tuesday, June 12. The new Primary year 'round program goes into effect in June, the Primary year now being from June to June. There will be the usual interesting lessons, and arts and crafts. Special parties are being planned as well.

The stake Sunday school is pleased to announce that Ervin McDonald is giving help in the teacher improvement section of the various ward faculty meetings.

Stake quarterly conference was held June 2 and 3.

S. F. STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY
By BEATRICE SIMISTER

San Francisco Stake Relief Society, in May, held their Stake convention. We were happy to have with us President Belle Spafford of the General Board, and Sister Leona Layton. Palo Alto and Santa Rosa stakes joined with us.

The exchange of ideas and instruction we received was helpful and interesting. We are very grateful to have these two sisters meet with us and give us their time and knowledge, so that we may partake of the spirit they carry with them.

We were also happy to have President Barton of San Francisco stake and other members of the priesthood meet with us.

TEMPLE GARMENTS

We would like to have our stake members and our companion stakes of the bay area know that temple garments can be purchased from Sister Ann Barton, Stake Relief Society representative. Her address is 1375, 41st Ave., 22 San Francisco, Calif.

JUNE S. F. STAKE EVENTS

Friday, June 8—Stake Special Interest party.

Monday, June 11—Folk dancing.

Tuesday, June 12—Stake Primary conference.

San Leandro Ward

By VERLA JACKSON

We don't have to look rar beyond our ward and stake for those things which make up a complete, full life—there is a feeling of friendship in the San Leandro ward that seems to be felt by all. Our ward is growing continually. We welcome newcomers into the ward and hope they will feel at home among us.

We extend a special welcome and congratulations to Dianne Farnsworth, who arrived this month at the home of Bill and Glenona Farnsworth. Bill is still in Japan with the navy, but is expected home within the next couple of months.

The boys and girls of our ward are fast growing up and developing into into admirable young men and women. During the past month, eight young ladies graduated from Primary into the Bee Hive group of the YLMIA, being Maxine Beach, Karen Hansen, Peggy LaBronte, Marcene Sweigart, Karen Langman, Sharon Moore, Susan McAllister and Kay Winters. Several of the girls participated in the graduation exercises at sacrament meeting on May 20.

May we remind parents of smaller children that the Primary is a year-round organization. It does not end with the school season. See that your child attends Primary this summer. The program is better than ever.

There have been several recent changes in ward officers. Elton Flaner is the new president of the YMMIA. Mary Langman and Rayola Griffith have taken over the secretarial duties of the YLMIA. Our genealogical committee has also been completely reorganized with Robert Stoker as chairman and Leland Johnson and Allen Davidson, Sr., as assistants. Mary Stoker will act as secretary. John McDonald has taken over the leadership of our Boy Scout Troop No. 15, with Ted Fontano as assistant scout master.

The elders of the Seventh Quorum has a most enjoyable evening on the evening of May 19. It was fun from beginning to end and gave everyone an opportunity to become so much better acquainted.

Friday evening, May 25, the San Leandro ward members and their friends enjoyed a most delightful evening of music—an evening planned under the auspices of the Mutual and intended to say "thank you" to all who helped in the completion of our building program. The Scandinavian Singers furnished the major part of the program with Russell Heath, Pete Carsulovich, LaVerne Perle and Carolyn Bradbury as assisting artists. Rowene Bassinger, accompanist. Our thanks, too, to Pat Calhoun who was rsponsible for the program.

On May 28 our ward Relief Society served a grand roast beef banquet to members, friends and wives of the Liahona club. The club holds its banquets frequently in our LDS hapels for the purpose of being an aid to the ward organizations financially in the dinner proceeds. Congratulations go to Pres. Margie Clements for the efficiently served, delicious dinner. Apple pie a la mode was generously contributed free by the LDS ice cream manufacturers, Pete and Lucille Brown of Elmhurst ward, who operate Maison's Ice Cream shop at 794 East 14th Street, San Leandro.

Three-Stake Genealogical Meeting

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This is a challenge to the saints to bestir themselves, and to genealogical committees to renew their diligence and skill in arousing interest.

- The three stakes of the convention do not report sufficient ward committee members. These should be at least two per cent of the ward membership. Then only can ward genealogical teaching go forward as it should, and the saints be started on their research.
- WARD TEACHING is the key to the success of genealogical work. Classes and meetings amount to little unless at the end of each month they can show substantial accomplishments in ward genealogical sheets made out and family research started or followed up.

Berk. Stake Primary Summer Program

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dation for a testimony of the gospel?

MANY ATTRACTIVE BUT FALSE TEACHERS

"For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; in so much that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matthew 24:24.

Who will carry on our great church if our children are not well prepared to do it? Always remember that "the future belongs not to those whose intellect is keenest, but whose character is strongest."

Parents should see to it that their children are enrolled in Primary, and should make every effort to get them there to every meeting.

In many ways we may not be able to compete with the educational training of some other groups. But let us never forget that we have many things which no other people in the world have. We have the TRUTH and we have the help of our Father in Heaven. We have the Holy Priesthood of God and the spirit of the Holy Ghost to guide us.

PRES. McKAY'S MESSAGE

President David O. McKay sends this message: "I believe that there is one great need in the church which can be supplied by the auxiliaries as well as by the bishops. I have in mind the need of more reverence in our houses of worship; better discipline in our class rooms and at all meetings."

The primary project which is repeated each week by the children is:

1. I will act as I should in my Heavenly Father's house.
2. I will greet my friends quietly.
3. I will not take the name of the Lord in vain.
4. I will respect those chosen by our Heavenly Father to lead us.

PRIMARY CONVENTION SATURDAY, JUNE 9

There will be a two-stake convention of all Primary workers on June 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the Berkeley ward chapel. Two General Board members will attend. Ardella R. Lowry and Naomi W. Randall. Ward and stake priesthood advisors are invited and urged to attend, and we especially a bishopric representative to meet with us.

Theme of this convention will be "Building Latter-day Saints."

All ward and stake Primary workers are expected to be at this meeting. It is very important.

"Train up a child in he way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6.

Father, where shall I work today?
And my love flowed warm and free
Then he pointed me out a tiny spot
And said, "Tend that for me."
I answered quickly, "Oh no, not that,
Why no one would ever see
No matter how well my work was done
Not that little place for me."
And the word he spoke, it was not stern;
He answered me tenderly;
"Ah, little one, search that heart of thine
Art thou working for them or me?
Nazareth was a little place
And so was Galilee."

Oakland Stake News

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at first meeting and others will be contacted. Gene served in World War as a marine aviator in the states to study radar which he will now utilize in Korea.

Claud Lundquist Young Artist has a signal honor bestowed upon him in being invited to join the Delta Phi Delta fraternity, a national arts society at the California College of Arts. The initatory banquet and ceremony was held May 29.

This homer came to Claud because of his outstanding scholastic achievements in Art. He is soon leaving California to study at the USAC in Logan, Utah, and this winter he will teach industrial arts in Utah Schools.

Oakland stake and the wards of the stake each has 100 per cent in the purchase of the Heber J. Grant paper weight. The proceeds of these paper weights go to the Children's LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City. These paper weights are on display in this bishops' offices of the various wards.

Primary stake convention will be held June 9, Berkeley being hosts to Oakland stake in meetings held in Berkeley.

Vallejo Ward

By LARUE POWELL

Marguarete Johnson, an amiable, grand lady who has served in several church positions, was recently sustained as president of the YLMIA. Those chosen to assist her were Lillian Adamson, a former YL president from Tracy, and Thurza Foster, who is known for her capabilities as a leader and musician.

The Young Men's superintendency, sustained sometime ago, consists of ambitious John E. Hollander, superintendent, who has served successfully in a previous Mutual organization and who has only been a member of the church five years; Dee Moyes, a man of sincerity, kindliness and the desire for a successful organization, and Aaron Wheeler, who devotes time in this work and who also contributes much toward civic interests with his musical ability.

These officers met recently and formed a schedule which means a summer of activity, recreation and hobbies for all members every Tuesday night. The energy used in directing your young son or daughter to a greater development and enjoyment in Mutual, the worth of which will be detected in them in later years.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

With the glamour of summer vacation knocking at our door, it behooves us all to be extremely cautious when we go to vacation spots, whether it be for a month, a week, or for only a day. Boys and girls going to camp should remember the principles of safety and avoid taking unnecessary chances, either in the water, in the mountains, or on the highways. The news is continually full of instances where unexpected freaks of element combinations have wiped out parts and even entire families.

On these beautiful Sundays there is constantly beinig presented to us attractive invitations to go somewhere and forget about our church obligations. Sunday is a day we should go to church, there to partake of the spirit of God, which we are told will be present when His children meet together. Unless it is absolutely necessary, extensive travel on the Sabbath should be avoided. Let's make our vacation a happy one, with no regrets, by being careful and attending our church meetings, even though some transitory pleasures may beckon us elsewhere.

Let's attend our sacrament meetings. God bless you.

BISHOP VERNON C. NEWMAN

Liahona Club

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Marion G. Stephens, who was duly tucked into the feathered sleeping bed properly decked in a flowing white nightie and a tidy night cap.

Phil Lewis of the Richmond scout organization and Ira B. Call with a group of Oakland scouts won honorary awards for quart samples of savory mulligan stew, tasted and judged by Chas. Stamps of the Alameda delegation. "My fishing experiences in the high Sierras" was a revealing fishing talk coming from many years of casting in the streams adjacent to the Liahona campsite, by Mervin Bytheway.

Perhaps two of the cleverest and most servicable contributions of the evening were the large artistic drawing of the proposed lodge by Theodore Ruegg, and the beautiful blue-toned engraving of that drawing, made, printed and distributed as souvenirs by Ray E. Campbell of Suisun. Ray surprised everyone at the banquet when each found by his dinner plate first, a neat blotter carrying a six-inch engraving of the lodge, and second, a card bearing on one side a smaller picture of the lodge, and on the reverse side, road directions to the lodge.

Not to mention with high praise the San Leandro Relief Society and its tactful and efficient president, Margie Clements and her gracious assisting ladies, would be gross ingratitude. No dinner the club has enjoyed since its organiation was more enjoyed. Especial thanks go to Pete and Lucille Brown, proprietors of Maison's Ice Cream business, for the ice cream on the apple pie, donated without cost. This is the only such business owned by a church member in the bay area, so far as we know

Finale of the evening of feasting for mind and body was the quartette led by Curt Millward and composed of club members Curt Millward, Jav Brown, Dn C. Wood and Oren Yorgensen singing appropriately, "It's a Long, Long Trail."

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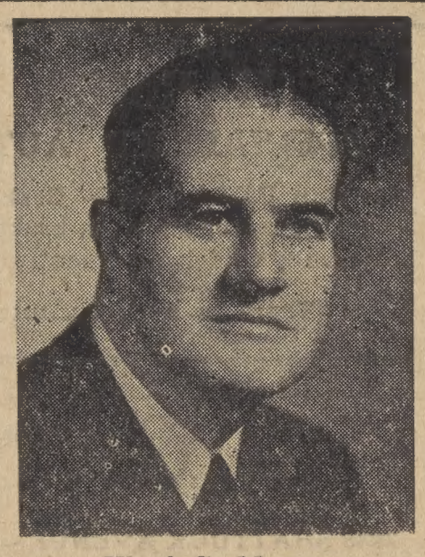
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Temple Caravan To Idaho Falls

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at 6 a.m., Saturday June 16, the excursion will halt at Donner monument for lunch and short services. The evening meal will be served in the LDS chapel at Winnemucca, Nevada, preceeded by bathing in the pool, and followed by a town street meeting. The night will be spent in Winnemucca.

SUNDAY

Sunday morning will see an early start so that the caravan may attend Sunday School at a city to be announced at Winnemucca. Idaho Falls will be reached Sunday evening. Monday will be preparation and relaxing day for getting every detail ready for the morning session at the temple early Tuesday.

BISHOPS URGED TO GO ON EXCURSION

Every bishop in both stakes is being appealed to personally lead his ward members on this temple pilgrimage or to delegate a counselor for this leadership.

LODGINGS AVAILABLE IN IDAHO FALLS IN THE HOMES OF THE SAINTS

President Wm. L. Killpack of the temple has arranged for accommodations for at least one hundred members of the pilgrimage in the homes of the Saints in Idaho Falls at very reasonable cost of about a dollar a day for lodgings per person. Some of these homes will be able also to furnish any meal desired as well as a comfortable bed. Lists of these homes will be made and given out at the temple grounds Sunday evening as the caravan arrives.

AT HOTEL AND MOTELS

President Killpack lists three reliable hotels and several new and handy motels. It is advised that each person write now direct to these places for any accommodations they may wish to make. The pilgrimage committee will NOT make these reservations.

The Bonneville Hotel will take care of twenty-five or thirty people; have twin bed units and three units that will accommodate three people.

The Idaho Hotel expresses will take care of thirty people. The rates in this hotel would be cheaper than the one previously mentioned.

The Evergreen Gables Motel is new and very desirable. Can accommodate about twenty people.

El Rancho Motel, new, opened up last year; can accommodate about thirty-five people.

West Bank Motel, likewise new, opened up last year on the west bank of the Snake River colse to the Temple; will accommodate twenty people.

Kruse Motor Court just west of the city, new, very desirable. Will accommodate fifty people.

E. Street Motel can especially accommodate families, totaling twenty-two people.

Scenic Center Motel. new, just north of the city, will take about fourteen or twenty people.

A TEMPLE PILGRIMAGE SONG

Composed especially for our stake caravans are several origional songs fitted to well-known tunes. We quote one verse and chorus of one of these songs:

"WE THE SAINTS OF LATTERDAYS"

When we leave this brief existence
And we join our kindred dead
Will they greet us with rejoicing
Shall we feel remorse instead?
Let us not be found delinquent
When we journey from this sphere
There is happiness in service
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Chorus

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Oakland Ward

By LOUANNE WRIGHT

Tuesday, May 8, a Scout court of honor was held at Oakland ward for the presentation of achievement awards. We truly are proud of the boys and want to congratulate them on their progress. Among those to receive awards were: Stan and Dave Pitkin, Dee Addis, Dave Furihman and Bob Stevenson.

On the evening of May 19, Oakland ward held its first "friendly dinner" which was a big success and everyone had a sensational time. The idea of everyone bringing a favorite dish was really a hit and, believe it or not, it turned out pretty even.

Elder Dan E. Nelson, a missionary just returned from the Japanese mission, visited Oakland ward at the request of President Mauss and his family. The Mauss's sent their love to the ward and wished to be remembered to all in the stake.

Carol and Ralph Sutherland were negelected last month in the "new parents" list. We wish to congratulate them, even if it is a bit late. We must not make any more grave errors, so congrats go to Pa and Ma Ogden. (That's Rulon and Linnea, in case you didn't know.)

Oakland ward held a ward speech contest Tuesday, May 22, and Jim Norberg was selected to represent us at the stake contest on May 29.

Sister Violet Higham has accepted the responsibbilities of new teacher of the Gleaner Girls. We Gleaners are happy to have her with us and hope she will be pleased with her class.

Oakland ward's contribution to the welfare plan amounts to 42 pair of men's cords completed—a little more than half our quota of 70 pair. The Relief Society has really been working the last few weeks. The ward was also assigned the project of painting the building at the cannery. We are proud to report that this has been done.

LaRue Jones, an officer in the YMMIA, was married April 18, in Salt Lake City to Larry Linthicum. A shower was given May 25 in honor of the happy couple.

Ruth Nicholson, an Oakland warder, and Leonard Young, were married May 26 in the Nicholson home.

On June 11, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Theron Carruth will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Congratulations to both these worthy members who have contributed so much to our ward and stake.

June 9 and 10 are two special days for the members of our ward. The annual homecoming event is planned for this week end and should really be something! Saturday night, June 9, a "good old days" program is planned along wiith a pot luck dinner. Last month's pot luck dinner was a real success so those who missed it must be sure to attend June 9, for the good food and the fine program which is scheduled. Special speakers have been arranged for to address us on Sunday, June 10. Everyone save this week end and plan to attend.

On May 20 Diamond and Oakland wards held a joint Fireside at the home of Louanne Wright. Our speaker was Eldred Johnson, who had a crowd of about 50 to speak to. We hope Oakland ward can be a host agai nsoon.

Carquinez Ward

Wednesday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m., the MIA sponsored Dr. Alfred Kidder, chairman of the department of archeology of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C. He presented a slide lecture on the ancient ruins of Central America before a combined group of classes of the Carquinez and Vallejo wards. He was introduced by Attorney Thomas S. Ferguson, who recently publisihed the book, "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon," in collaboration with Dr. Milton S. Hunter. This was a meeting that will be long remembered. Dancing concluded the evening's entertainment.

A very lovely Relief Society social commemorating the birthday of the Relief Society and also to honor the outgoing officers—Sister Maude Sorensen and her workers—was given May 2. Those honored were Maude Sorenson, Verda Telford, Donna Benyare, Athol Warr and Carol Barrus.

At the fast day services on May 6, Pamela Jean, the infant daughter of Ervin and Lorraine Seamons was blessed by her father. Blessed by Bishop Harris and given a name was Orpheta Caprice, daughter of Ralph McCardle.

The total number of converts in our ward since January 7, in five. The latest to be baptized and confirmed a member of the church is Clyde Poole. We congratulate him on the step he has taken.

Those who attended the outstanding a capella choir concert in Vallejo given by the BYU were royally entertained and given a rare treat. The bishopric wishes to express their thanks to all who helped to house this group. The proceeds which will be turned over to the building fund will greatly help this program along.

Sunday, May 6, was the date of the Carquinez Ward Primary conference. We appreciate the efforts of all officers and teachers. Special thanks to Thursa Foster, Vallejo Ward Primary organist, who so graciously came to our aid at the last moment.

The infant son of Tom and Dorafaye Olson, who was so badly burned about the face and neck, is improving satisfactorily. Little Faye, who had her tonsils removed a few days ago, is also up and about.

On Saturday, May 19, a youth banqut was served to all the youth of Carquinez ward between the ages of 12 and 21. A good crowd was in attendance and several awards were presented.

Harold Severson, second counselor in the Sunday school superintendency, and Marjean Wanlass of Rodeo branch, were recently married in the Salt Lake temple. A reception was held at the yard hall on May 18. Elder McBride and Sarah Neerings were the soloists during the evening.

Dirk Andywerden, one of the full time missionaries that has been laboring in our midst, has been transferred to Santa Rosa. Elder Rasmussen has been assigned to take his place.

Carquinez ward was well represented at the genealogy convention held in Oakland chapel on May 20.

The Stake Gold and Green Ball, held at Santa Rosa in the Santa Rosa hotel, was a gala affair, with the Carquinez orchestra furnishing music for dancing.

Castro Valley Ward

By HELEN SMITH.

Gretings from the Castro Valley ward, the newest addition to the Oakland Stake. We are a "cutting" from the Hayward ward but as with all good plantings in the fertile soil of the Gospel we will grow and grow.

As chief cultivator we have the very able Bishop C. B. Lamkin and Brothers Erwin B. Bodily and Edmund J. Shurtleff wiill give proper assistance. Record of the growth will be kept by Bros. L. J. Phister and G. McNeil, who are ward clerks. The landscape has been well planned out; our Sunday School is in charge of Bro. Leonard Lyon and our Primary is in the hands of Sis. Margaret McClellan.

The building plants of the MIA are in the care of Bro. Willis Bell and Sis. Bertha Tanner.

The field is prepared, the workers are ready, now with the Lord's guidance we shall flourish.

Our first practical job as a new ward was to plant an acre of tomatoes at the Church farm under the direction of Bishop Lamkin.

We are watching for the final plans which are developing in the Elders' Quorum for a dinner to augment the depleted funds of the maintenance budget.

The year's ativities of the MIA Maids will be highlighted by a dinner at Portola's Restaurant, Oakland. Sis. Jeanne Sheppard is the leader of the group.

The Relief Society has planned a rummage sale for Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9. Do you want to clean out "that" closet for a good cause? Call Sis. Starkweather for the debris collection.

John C. Starkweather, son of the George P. Starkweather, was married to Loretta M. Vargas on April 20, 1951.

We were sorry to note the passing of Bro. Wilfred Canning of Castro Valley at the age of 41.

Centerville S. S.

By BESSIE PURDY

In November, 1950, the Centerville Sunday school was organized. Superintendent Clyde Lindsay and his wife, Marie, offered their home, time and energies for its progress. Nies, Decoto, Centerville, Newark and Irvington eagerly responded. We now have grown to 62 members and are meeting in the IOOF hall at Irvington.

Officers assisting Supt. Lindsay are Ed Maughn and Thomas Pugmire as counselors; Isabel Oxborrow, secretary; Jed Oxborrow, chorister; Laverne Robertson, organist. Each class has interested teachers. Priesthood meeting, under the direction of Fred Eaton, follows Sunday school.

Every two weeks a faculty meeting is held. After business problems are taken care of at this meeting, the outstanding highlights of the evening are the teachers' training lessons from "The Master's Art," given by different members of the group, and a synopsis of the Gospel Doctrine lesson given by Dr. James A. Robertson. Discussions follow and the evening ends in games and refreshments.

Dr. Robinson recently attended the American Ceramic society's convention in Chicago. He is a research chemist employed by Westvaco Chemical Division of Food Machinery and Chemical Corp., and has been engaged for several years in the development of high temperatur refractories. At a recent Sunday school faculty meeting Dr. Robertson related some interesting experiences of the trip. This included a flight over areas in Texas where 40 years ago his father had traveled as a missionary without purse or script. On the return trip, a brief stop in Utah afforded an opportunity for participation in a Robertson reunion which was attended by 300 family members. Dr. Robertson also attended Sunday school in his home ward, Spanish Fork First. Sister Marie Eaton substituted as Gospel Doctrine teacher in his absence.

April 28-29, Ed Maughn participated with 30 Boy Scout leaders of the South Alameda district at Los Mochos Scout camp near Livermore. Brother Maughn reported that the strenuous program, plus inclement weather, produced many aches and pains, but everyone had a wonderful time. The wide use of the MIA publication "The Scout Masters' Minute" throughout Scouting is one evidence of the contribution our church has made to the scout movement.

The Mother's day program was carefully planned and very entertaining. The entire kindergarten group participated. Each little child had a placard pinned across with "I love mother," and the short individual verses truly expressed that sentiment. Then they gave happy little finger plays followed by sweet singing. They showed the love and careful training of Sisters Marie Lindsay and Artie Green.

There was a duet by Carol Pugmire and Katherine Oxborrow, after which short, reminiscent mother memories were given by Brother Jed Oxborrow, Sister Bodily and Superintendent Lindsay.

Ed Maughn rendered a violin solo accompanied by Lavern Robertson.

Guest speakers were Bishop Webb and his gracious wife, Leona. They expressed warm feelings for our Sunday school and left us with many beautiful things to remember.

Carnations were given to all mothers present and each child was permitted to take one to a grandmother or someone dear to him. It was a day that will long be remembered.

Nearly every week since our organization we have had representatives from our stake, bishopric and Sunday school board. We are grateful for their interest and are striving to attain the high standards developed by our church.

Balboa Ward

The ward MIA has a number of new officers. Recently released were Reed Baily, superintendent, and his counselors, Roger Kraft and Jim Poppe. David Simister has been sustained as the new superintendent, with Roger Kraft and Dale Pearson as his counselors.

Sister Gillies of the YWMIA has lost her counselors, Millie Maybrey Peterson and Carolyn Storm. Zina Slattery and Ruth Challis have taken their places.

Baby girls have been born to the Roger Krafts and the Bud Simisters.

Louis and Lillian Allen left June 1 to attend the graduation of their son, Douglas, from BYU in Provo.

Business Notes

(Continued from page 1)

the Colonial Mortuary when an aged Ogden lady passed away suddenly while on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Perla Hodge. The body was shipped to Ogden for funeral services and interment.

● All Oakland stake members perhaps received cards in the mail from Robinson Brothers Mortuary of 1901 Fruitvale Ave., near Foothill, announcing the recent purchase of an interest in this establishment by Elder M. Dee Smith, brother of Bishop Elmo Smith and a Dimond ward member. Stated also is the fact that Brother Smith is a graduate of the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science and formerly was associated with the Colonial Mortuary.

● Thomas C. Byrne of the Santa Rosa stake presidency conducts a well-known general insurance agency in Santa Rosa. A movement is being discussed to organize in Santa Rosa stake a chapter of the Liahona club. Elder Byrne is a leader in this movement.

● Ray E. Campbell of Suisun, publisher of the Messenger, and Maxine, his wife, attended the Liahona dinner and presented each person present with a business card containing a copy of Architect Ruegg's drawing of the Liahona Mountain lodge as it will appear on the club's campsite when completed this summer, and also with a beautiful 6-inch engraving of the lodge reproduced on the smooth side of a blotter.

● Tony Clark, who served so faithfully as foreman of construction during the long and trying period of the erection of Berkeley Welfare Center has announed he now has entered the field of building contracting. Everyone will wish him well. He is a member of East Richmond ward.

● Leo Crandall, former bishop of Alameda and high councillor, has taken the East Bay agency for G. & J. Formula Multiple vitamins and also a multiple organic mineral called Elemin. George and LaVern Bain are also associated with Leo. They seem to be very happy and very busy.

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Petaluma Branch

By HELEN MYERS

Dr. and Mrs. Mark J. Brockbank have returned from a three week trip to Hawaii. While there they visited many places of interest. They were accompanied by Dr. Carl Brockbank of Price, Utah.

D. F. Baker is flying to Washington D. C., this week on a business trip.

Mrs. Joseph Terribilini was hostess at a stork shower in her home on May 25, honoring Mrs. Hogan Adair, wife of our branch president.

Best wishes go to Charles Wood on his being made manager of Safeway's new store in Napa. We regret losing Charles from our Sunday school superintendency, but wish him well in his new location.

Mrs. Leland H. Myers on Wednesday was installed as president of the Mothers' club of Santa Rosa Junior college.

Mark L. Lewis and Thyrill Robertson are busy with graduation activities at the local high school. Mark will leave in June for Stanford university; Thyrill is entering the BYU, Provo, Utah, in the fall.

Friends of Jimmy Christensen will be pleased to know that he is again at home after a serious illness which necessitated his being hospitalized. Jimmy is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Christensen.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Merkel became parents for the third time recently with the arrival of their second son at Petaluma General hospital.

Kyle Chris is the name given the first-born child of Capt. and Mrs. Phil Garretts. The lad was born May 16 at Hamilton Field Air Base hospital.

Mrs. John Lehman and daughter Linda, former residents of Petaluma who are now making their home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, are visiting with Mrs. Lehman's mother, Mrs. Cecil Scoles. On Thursday, May 24, a party was given for Mrs. Lerman by Mrs. Lionel Berry at her Hamilton Field quarters.

Maxwell Park Ward

By NORMA WILLIAMS

Beatrice Larsen has been released as president of the Relief Society, along with her counselors, Lillith Williams and Mabel Kitzberger. Iva Turner was sustained as the new president, with Lillith Williams as first counselor and Thora Bramwell as secretary.

Leland and Margaret Wright are tre proud parents of another baby girl. She was born May 14. Both mother and daughter are feeling fine.

John Daley has been sustained as the second counselor in the bishopric, replacing Ross Nelson, who found it necessary to move from Oakland.

Vivian Williams has been made the associate supervisor of the lady missionaries in the states of Michigan and Indiana. Since she will be traveling throughout the territory, she will receive her mail at the Mission Home, 323 West Woodland Ave., Fort Wayne 6, Indiana.

The young people of the ward were in charge of the Lucky Clover dance held at Elmhurst ward on May 18. Thelma Enz served as the general chairman. Most of the youth in the ward helped with the preparations. They planned and conducted a very successful dance.

Joyce Briscoe writes that she is extremely busy with her missionary work, and doesn't have much time to answer the letters that she receives. She will return home in just a few more months.

Bob Martin was honored by the Oakland Tribune at an award dinner held at the Hotel Leamington on May 16. He was presented with a 21 jewel Bulova watch, a gold pin, a plaque and a letter of recommendation. He was honored for attaining the rank of master dealer. Only one boy in a hundred becomes one. Wendell and Barbara Martin and Geraldine Compton, Bob's former Sunday school teacher, were guests at the dinner.

Alameda Ward

We welcome the Pocock family to our ward and the ward is happy to have Brother Pocock as our new music director. He is starting a ward choir which will add much to theenjoyment of our meetings. Leo Crandall was recently released from the position of music director and now is serving as Aaronic priesthood coordinator.

We are happy for Laurie Seicke and Natalie Reba who were recently baptied and confirmed. ——It is nice to have Hazel and Chuch Reed with us again. Chuch is working with the Scouts as he was before.

Alameda ward's annual outing took place at Redwood Canyon Saturday, June 2. ——Tuesday night the Alameda Music Festival presented a very enjoyable program.——Congratulations to Maurine and Wayne McKinley for the new baby girl in their home. Also to Mr. and Mrs. VuginV, a baby girl.

Brother Gardner was recently released as Superintendent of our Sunday School with a vote of thanks, and Charles Eliason installed in his place with Bros. Smidley and Porter as counselors.

The Relief Society has also been reorganized. Lucile Schow has been released as president with a vote of thanks for her efficient services together with her counselors, Evelyn Barlow and Edna Burke. Rae Stamps becomes the new president with Helene Christensen and Marie Smith as counselors. Erma Lane remains as secretary.

Marie Smith, Rae Stamps, Betty Hughes and Grace Reid have been released from Primary offices. We thank and commend them for their excellent work. Evelyn Barlow now is president with Grace Reid, Eleanor Angler and Marjorie Collins. New teachers added to the list are Mary Studebaker, Hazel Reid and Darlene Balding.

San Rafael Ward

By PAULINE M. ROE

The San Rafael Ward Sunday school has been reorganized. Dr. Clarence Leininger was sustained as superintendent with Howard Gindling as first counselor and Joyce Keller as secretary. Wayne Christensen, our new ward clerk, was released as superintendent, and Ray Miller and William Sleeper as counselors.

Patricia Aldridge was confirmed as a new member of our church in fast meeting May 6. The babies of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Thomas were blessed and given names.

The ward, to augment finances, has been holding sales of cake, pie and bread on consecutive Fridays for three weeks. May 18, a sale was held at the Elite Market in San Rafael; the next sale was held in Fairfax and the third and last one was in Mill Valley.

A special ceremony for Primary graduates was held at Elfreda Tomlison's home in Strawberry Manor, on Saturday, May 19. On the following Sunday, graduating exercises for these young people were a part of the sacrament meeting.

The Mutual sponsored a barn dance on Wednesday, May 23. Folk dancing, games, refreshments were part of the evening. A fine time was enjoyed by all.

The San Rafael ward choir under the direction of Helen Richards, presented the music for the San Francisco stake conference June 3.

Dimond Ward

Allen Dorius is making a name for himself in the music world. He has written words and composed all the music for the play "Alice in Wonderland," recently presented at Oakland high school. He has been awarded a scholarship at the Julliard School of Music in New York, but has decided to stay here two years and study for a more thorough background in music. Prof. Milhaul, professor of music at Mills, has named Allen one of the most promising boys in music in the bay area. He has also composed a piece which is being used as the official school graduation march. We are always proud to hear such things about our own boys. Good luck to Allen in this grand work.

Lorena Mason has been sustained to the office of Junior Sunday school supervisor, replacing Irene Harris.

Our Primary presidency also has seen some changes. Melba Rainey and Helen Lauper are being released and succeeded by Stella Hoopes and Unice Fulkerson.

Brent Joseph, born May 4, is the little son of Eugene and Ila Russon. He is more than welcomed by his big brother, Jimmy.

The MIA Maids presented their "Rose Evening" to their mothers on Tuesday, May 22. The girls all looked like roses themselves in their pastel dresses. The program was given by the girls under the supervision of Dorothy Poulton, their teacher. Each girl brought her own rose, which is the symbol of the MIA Maids, tying them togeter and presenting them to our MIA president, Lenore Barber.

Phillip K. Humphries and Marjorie Hyde were married in the Salt Lake temple recently and held their wedding reception June 4 in the Bonneville ward, Salt Lake City. Every good wish goes to this choice couple for joy and prosperity.

Sunset Ward

(San Francisco Stake)

The theme selected by the bishopric for June is "Come, let us go up to the house of the Lord," and many of the ward members will practice it when they leave June 18 for a temple excursion to the Idaho Falls temple. The group will return June 23.

May 20 ward conference was held. The stake presidency and many of the high councilmen were in attendance at all meetings. All stake organizations had many of their officers there.

A large number of officers were changed. In the M.I.A. Seymour Steed, Supt. and his two councelors, Ray Southwick and Julian Griffin, were released. The newly sustained Supt. is Joseph Barton, who has selected as counselors Julian Griffin and Dean Stewart. LaMont Williams is the Secretary. Jean Anderson, Activity counselor to Gail Terry, has been released. She is soon to be married to Carl Pederson and will live in Oakland. Sustained to take her place is Rula Griffin.

Released as Supt. of the Sunday School was Darrell Rassmussen, who has resided in San Francisco nearly four years studying medicine. He completes his studies shortly and will move away. His counselors, Keith Lignell and Joe Bramer, were released with him. Sustained to become the Sunday school Supt. was Wells Wilkinson. As his counselors, Keith Lignell and Hyrum Crofts were selected.

Ray Southwick has been appointed Aarohic coordinator, taking the place of Bill Nibley. Douglas Monroe is the new secretary of the Aaronic Priesthood.

Visiting Sunset Ward May 20 were two couples who during the war were stationed here and were very active in the ward. Ted and Janath Cannon, and Lyle and Virginia Ward. Combining business and a vacation, they were here nearly a week.

Baby daughters have come to two young couples of the ward. Kathy and Dan Mehr are the parents of little Judith Ann; and Ray and Vinette Southwick have named their small daughter Karen Ruth.

Friday, June 8, the annual Primary picnic will be held in Stern Grove. Children are invited to meet at the church by 3:45 p. m.

On a recent Sunday evening two groups met socially following sacrament meeting. The 70's met at the home of Joe and Vi Johnson, and a group met at the home of Irvin McDonald, Adult aaronic priesthood chairman.

Bill Brown has been sent to India by his company. He will be there several months making an important installation of diesel machinery. Alice decided to stay at home with their three children.

A recent visitor at Sunset was Bishop Frank Pitcher of Calgary, Alberta. While attending a convention of the Swift Company he stayed with his brother-in-law and sister, Doctor and Mrs. Marion Noyes.

Lakeport Branch

By MAUD PEARSON

Inspirational Message From the Branch President:

Unity and cooperation are the keys to the life and success of this Branch. If you will accept the opportunity of serving in the capacity that is asked of you, you will not only be serving your Branch President and fellowman but most importantly of all, you will be serving your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

For whatever you do to further this gospel here on earth will add to your reward in heaven.

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation of which ye are called." Ephesians 4:1

NEWS ITEMS

A very successful food sale was held May 5th the proceeds of which will be used to buy books for our church library. We raised over $41 in less than three hours — quite a record in a small town like Lakeport.

We are sorry to be losing our first counsellor to the Branch President, Brother Sheldon Bell, and our capable Secretary, Donna Bell. The Bells are moving to the Hawaiian Islands to his soil conservation work there. We will miss them. They have done much to further the work of the hLord here.

Napa Ward

Primary conference was held the first Sunday evening in May. The theme was, "The Children's Friend." It was an outstanding performance by the children, and we are grateful to our Primary officers for the work they are doing with the children. Sister Marie Johnsen, counselor in the Stake Primary presidency was in attendance.

A ward youth banquet was held May 10. The youth committee cooked and served the dinner to the young people. Entertainment and dancing were planned during the dinner. Special guests at the dinner were Stake President and Mrs. John Murdock, Brother and Sister Reed Keller, Sister Luella Buhlman, Bishop Allan Woolley, Brother Rex Candland and Brother Ferrin Francom. Sister Buhlman of the stake girls' committee, presented the following girls with their individual awards: Barbara Stubbs, who also received a special certificate for 100 per cent attendance at all meetings, Carol Lee Stubbs, Shirley Stubbs, Belva Wheeler, Margy Keller, Janet Reeder and Annette Tayson. Boyd Hancock and John Murdock were the boys to receive awards, and they were presented by Brother Rex Candland.

An outstanding Mother's day program was presented. The church was filled to capacity. A lovely flower was given to each mother. Sister Sarah Nuttal was specially honored for being the eldest mother present, and Sister Marie Sandlin for being the youngest mother.

The Brigham Young university a capella choir was enjoyed by a large attendance from Napa and the surrounding towns in the stake.

Captain Richard and Norma Johns are leaving our ward. "Rick" is a pilot on a jet plane and now is on his way to Korea. Norma is leaving soon for St. Johns, Arizona, which was her home previous to coming to Napa, and will reside there until Rick returns. We will miss Norma and Rick and their little family. Norma has been our Primary secretary, as well as a big help on many other projects.

Faye Fowles has been on a two weeks leave from the navy. He and his mother, Sister Pearl Fowles, have visited in Utah. Faye is now stationed at Treasure Island, where he will have further training in electronics.

Don Taysom, son of Veri and Ruth Taysom, was home on furlough during the past month from the army. Recently they received word that he is stationed in Hawaii.

Wednesday, May 23, marked the closing lesson in Relief Society for the summer months. Following the lesson a delicious luncheon was served. Work day, the second Wednesday of the month, will continue through the summer months.

June 8 the Mutual will sponsor a vaudeville variety show under the direction of Sister Florrina Price, entitled, "Do You Remember?" A short preview of it was given Tuesday night at Mutual. It sounded good. We hope for a large attendance.

• Mariner S. Eccles, U. S. federal reserve board and native Utahn was Utah Aggie Comment exercises speaker Monday June 4. Elder Henry D. Moyle delivered the baccalaureate sermon June 3.

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San Francisco Ward

By JEAN LAUPER

An unusual honor was bestoyed upon a young Mormon girl of San Francisco May 25, when Deon Neilson was presented with the Bank of America award for achievement in the field of fine arts. This award is given yearly in four fields: Fine arts, liberal arts, vocational arts and science and mathematics and checks of from $50 to $1000 are given to the winners in each field.

The records of outstanding senior high school students are considered for scholarship, citizenship, leadership and possibilities of future service to society.

Deon, who is a talented pianist and vice president of her class, and who gives devoted service to both the church and community, was first selected to represent George Washington high school. Next she became the winner in the entire city, and finally in the nine bay area counties in which there are 117 high schools.

A check for $1000 was presented to her by F. A. Ferroggiaro, senior vice president of the board of directors of the Bank of America.

Deon is the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. LeGrande Neilson, former residents of Hyrum, Utah, and Salt Lake City. Before coming to San Francisco to live several years ago they spent nearly three years in Panama.

An interesting comment was made to Deon's mother by the faculty representative of her school who said he attributed Deon's wholesome outlook on life, and her willingness to serve, to her membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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The David Wells family are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter to the former Nancy Wells and her husband, Glen Marble. Sister Wells went to Idaho to welcome her new grandchild.

Jean Flint, who has been active as a stake missionary, was married April 8 to Norman G. Stevens. The ceremony was performed by Albert Price of the ward bishopric.

May 6 Primary ward conference was held, and the children gave a delightful program. Sheldon Dorius graduated and has been made a deacon.

Dr. J. M. George is convalescing from a serious operation.

Ronalda Wright went to Ogden over Mother's day to visit her mother, Sister Maude Russell. She also went to Provo to visit her daughter, Carma.

Several birthdays were observed in May. Keith Price celebrated his on May 6, and Merle Dorius on May 12.

Theda Call is still in Araquipa sanitarium near Fairfax. Visitors are permitted to see her.

Sara Preston's husband, Peter D., is in the Southern Pacific hospital.

Bishop and Sister Nalder and their daughters are planning an exciting trip. Early in June they will fly east to meet their son, Martin, who is returning from a mission to England. They will travel extensively in the east before returning home.

● If you lived in Southern California you could go by exclusive LDS air plane to the June Conference in Salt Lake City and return for $21.45 plus $3.22 tax (regular fare $40.37). That is, if 75 persons join in the excursion.

New Bakersfield Stake Organized

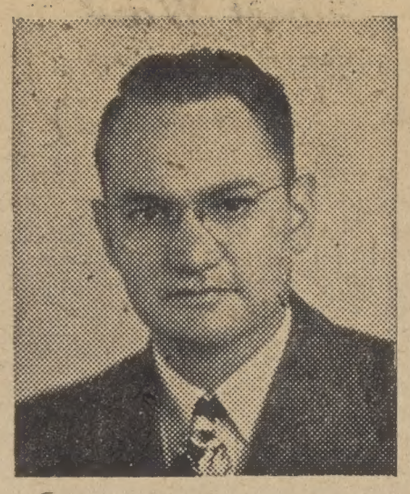
"It never rains but it pours," isn't true, of course, but it will express our feelings when we picked up the Church News of May 30 and read that on May 27 another new California stake had been formed, it is the Bakersfield stake. We had only gotten through writing up the Fresno Stake creation of May 20, O' well, California does it in the big way. Santa Barbara stake was organized only a few months ago.

Again it was Elders Harold B. Lee and Henry Moyle of the Twelve who presided at the birth of the stake. Bakersfield City will have three wards, with a combined population of 1271, while the entire new stake membership will total 2280.

Six wards and three branches are scattered over part of the Mohave Deseret, as well as over a large area of the Central Valley. In fact from Portersville, 47 miles away on the north, to Lancaster, 87 miles to the southeast of Bakersfield, the distance is 134 miles.

The six wards are the three in Bakersfield and Taft. Portersville and Lancaster, the latter on the Desert and the three independent branches Wasco, Delano, and Mohave. The stake presidency consists of: Alan Pettit president with counselors William S. Davies and Lincoln R. Slaughter, and stake clerk, W. Paul Camp. President Pettit is an insurance adjuster for the Automobile Club of Southern California, and holds a B.S. in Business Administration. Elder Davies for 17 years has been the proprietor of a furniture business in Bakersfield. Elder Slaughter, maintains his own public accountant business, being a graduate of the Bakersfield City College. All three are Utah born, but have lived a large part of their lives in southern California.

● All-Church soft ball contests are now getting ready in the various stakes. The All-Church tournament play is set for August 22-25 in Salt Lake.



M. DEE SMITH

Acquires Financial Interest in East Oakland Mortuary

Brother M. Dee Smith of the Dimond ward has recently purchased an interest in and has been appointed Vice President of the Robinson Brothers' Mortuary, 1901 Fruitvale near Foothill Boulevard, Oakland.

Brother Smith, formerly of the Colonial Mortuary where he has served many of the L.D.S. people of this vicinity, began his mortuary work 13 years ago in Southeastern Idaho. He has served an LDS mission in the New England States, spent two years in the U.S. Navy, and attended the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science where he graduated in 1946.

Brother Smith invites his many friends to call and inspect the Robinson Brothers Mortuary, located in the center of Oakland Stake. He states that he hopes to be even better able to serve the people of this area because of the location and added facilities; also that he will carry a complete line of L.D.S. burial clothing. One will find an abundance of parking space.

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Mission Ward

The first group of graduates of the teachers' training class were presented with certificates of honor by Bishop Wallace N. Allred in an impressive service in the ward on Sunday evening, April 29. The graduates are: Ruth Alling, Jane Baker, Lee Barker, Rose Lefler, Elva Mecham, Theodore R. Neil, Agnes Mae Pace, Jeanne Sidwell, Karl Stange, Walter E. Pietsch, Frieda B. Pietsch and Irene Weeks.

An entertaining and unusual radio show entitled, 'Lights and Shadows," was given May 4 in the San Francisco stake auditorium for the benefit of the Mission ward building fund. Delmar Faddis was a masterful master of ceremonies. Spotlight of the evening was centered upon the guest artist, Gil Lewis, singer with Jack Fina's band. Other talented artists were Janis Kane, dancer, and Bob Mosher, comedian, who gave an expert impersonation of Danny Kaye. Othe gifted young musicians and singers from San Francisco stake were capable assistants in musical backgrounds for the show.

The Mission ward choir sang in Santa Rosa ward on May 20. Vocalists in solo presentation were Marilyn Politis and Shelia Peterson. Ida O'Brien directed the evening's music and Leslie Petree was accompanist. We are proud of the versatility and beauty of the singing of our ward choir.

In the past several months we've enjoyed the association of Mr. and Mrs. Thursten Gillingwater as members of our ward. Lieut. Gillingwater has been assigned to the USS Shangri-la and is being transferred to the east coast. He has been conducting dancing classes in MIA on Tusday evenings and attendance has nearly quadrupled. Eunice Gillingwater has been leader of the Special Interest class, directing world tours via pictures and lecture. Lieut. Gillingwater and his family have traveled over much of the world through his naval position. They have two sons, Terry 3, and Lee, 9. We wish the Gillwaters every joy and success.

A group of our members had an enjoyable trip via San Francisco cabel car to the Irwin Memorial blood bank on Thursday morning, May 24, where they donated blood for the boys in the armed service. Those participating were: Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Titus, Gladys Parker, Ella Allred, Rose Child, Florence Lambert, Myrtle Nelson and Mabel Liddell.

The immense sewing project at the Stake Welfare Center is well under way and the success of the Mission ward group participating has been due in great measure to Sisters Esther Cammerer and Irene Weeks. There have been as many as 19 women assisting in the sewing on Wednesday during the day and evening.

Walnut Creek Ward

The mother of Perla Hodge passed away at Perla's home very unexpectedly while the 79-year-old mother was on a visit from her home in Oregon to her daughter's home in Walnut Creek. Her name was Mrs. Minerva R. Green.

Mrs. Minerva R. Green was the wife of the late Albert Green of Ogden, Utah; she has been most active in church work for many years, and a member of the Stake Board for seven years. Sister Green was on a six-week visit with her children in California and was at Walnut Creek at the home of her daughter Perla Hodge when stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage which took her life within an hour.

She is survived by seven children, 26 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Sister Green was born in Slaterville, Utah and was 79 years old at the time of her death. The children are Laurence, Elmer, Russell, Gladys, Louis, Perla and Ronald.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Colonial Mortuary, 2210 Webster St., Oakland. Services were held at the Lindquist Mortuary, Ogden, Utah, Saturday, May 19, 1951.

Sid Feller Honored

A LDS Named Man of the Month by the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce.

Sidney Feller, Berkeley First ward, was elected in May as "Man of the Month" by a unanimous vote of the Berkeley Junior Chamber of Commerce.

This honor comes as a recognition of Sid's services to the community in two major projects, the City's Flower and Hobby Show in April and for acting as chairman of the Northern California Badminton Tournament.

Sid has served and now serves as the stake director of recreation. His wife Almadeane is preseident of YLMIA of the stake.

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B. Y. University A Cappella Choir Appraised By Local Musician

By PAUL SUMMERHAYS

Choral singing, as fine as any heard in Berkeley in many years, was presented Tuesday evening, May 8, in the Berkeley Community theatre. An appreciative audience will long remember the excellent performance of all types of numbers from the opening devotional group through the delightful folk songs, the modern "Jig for Voices" to the closing numbers, the magnificent "Holy, Radiant Light" and "St. Francis' Prayer." The fine young voices in the choir blended beautifully to produce harmony expected only from the angels in Heaven.

Professor Newell B. Weight directed the choir with a minimum of effort. He had the undivided attention of the members of the choir with the result that attacks, releases, intonation and dynamics were all that a director or audience could desire.

The soloists were well received and their renditions of difficult numbers added to the evening's entertainment. The rich contralto singing of our own Maryann Mendenhall was particularly enjoyable, not only in her solo "Apres un Reve" but also in duet and trio.

A Latter-day Saint program was made complete when the male chorus thrilled us with the singing of "An Angel from on High" and "O My Father."

A word of thanks to President Harmon and those who assisted in making this presentation possible, particularly Delbert H. Rock and committee. Under Bro. Kirke Decker and Sister Alma Dean Feller, the stake and ward MIA organizations were responsible for the ticket distribution and advertising in the wards.

Those who did not hear the choir missed an outstanding event.

First Presidency Names New Primary Head

A great woman and a great leader of the Church Primary Association was selected to take the place of another great and gracious head of that organization when Mrs. LaVern Watts Parmley was chosen by the First Presidency to succeed the late Mrs. Adele Cannon Howells as president of the Primary Association of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, May 16, 1951, in Salt Lake City.

Counsellors chosen are Mrs. Arta M. Hale and Mrs. Florence M. Richards, both at present members of the Primary General Board.

Mrs. Parmley has served as first counselor to Adele Cannon Howell since 1943, and was second counselor to President May Green Hinckley before that.

Primary work has been the life of Mrs. Parmley for many years. Before being appointed to the general board in 1941, she had been on the board of the Bonneville stake, and in the Primary Associations of Grant and Emigration wards.

She comes from Murray, Utah, where she taught school, later teaching in the Salt Lake City schools. She is the wife of Thos. J. Parmley, professor of physics at the U. of U. They have three children.

One counselor, Mrs. Hale, Idaho born is a former school teacher and wife of the dean of boys, C. Dewey Hale of South high school, Salt Lake City. The other counselor, Mrs. Richards, is the wife of Dr. Lorin L. Richards, Sugar House dentist in whose office she has worked for the past 25 years. They have three children.

Harmony Hills

Horace Toponce, one of the first members of Harmony Hills to build a home on the homesite, and a former member of Dimond ward tho a Utahn by birth, died recently and was buried May 17 leaving a wife and two daughters, Betty 12 and Linda 9, and a son by a former marriage.

Bro. Toponse was proprietor of a butcher shop in San Jaun Bautista. His death was from a cancer brought on following an auto accident that occured in July 1950.

D. of U. P. Hold County Convention

By MRS. M. F. ELLSWORTH

On Monday, May 21, a county convention of Daughters of Utah Pioneers of Alameda county was held in the beautiful Hayward chapel. A fine luncheon was served by the Hayward Camp, the table decorations being centerpieces of hawthorne and cecil breuner roses with candles interspercing the flowers. The meeting was called by the county president, Cleo Ricks.

The song leader was Jessie Lund, county chorister of Elmhurst camp; Minutes were read by Jeanette Barratt, secretary, of Berkeley camp; the county treasurer, Mabel Kitzherger's report was read by Pres. Ricks and accepted. Roll of county camps was called—Alameda, Berkeley, Dimond, Claremont, Elmhurst and Hayward camps responding with a good attendance of 65 per cent.

Hayward responded with two musical numbers, well rendered. A comical skit in costume, from Dimond camp, was written and directed by Melba Rainey—followed by a musical number from Elmhurst camp. Minnie F. Ellsworth, first captain of Alameda county camp, gave a short talk on "Why I am a member of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers."

During the election of new county officers for a term of two years by 24 delegates, a song practice was conducted by Chorister Lund. The delegates nominated as president of Alameda county camps, Cleo J. Ricks, and the following: Malba Rainey of Dimond camp, first vice president; Della Eck of Hayward, second vice president; Grace Harkins of Dimond camp, recording secretary and treasurer; Annie Livingston of Hayward camp, organist.

Jessie Lund of Elmhurst camp, chorister; Lila Graham of A. J. Daley camp, parliamentarian; Lavern G. Bain of Claremont camp, corresponding secretary; Jeanette Barratt of Berkeley camp, registrr; Amelia Everett of Alameda camp, historian; Inez McFarlane of Elmhurst camp, chaplain; Mary Dunham, Berkeley camp, keeper of relics; The above list, which was handed to President Ricks, was read to the convention, accepted and so recorded. The meeting was adjourned after a vote of thanks to Hayward camp for their fine hospitality.

Dr. G. Ellis Heads Berk. Physicians

Dr. Grant Ellis of Berkeley will serve as chairman of the doctors' committee for the Alta Bates Community hospital's forthcoming building fund campaign, it was announced today by Edward C. McEneany, general chairman of the campaign.

Dr. Ellis, in accepting the position, stated that he was confident that the doctors in the area will respond in a generous manner.

"Doctors are the first ones to actually see the suffering caused by delay in getting patients admitted to a hospital bed," he explained. "Patients with an illness for which hospitalization should be required can be cared for at home if necessary, but with less efficiency and at greater expense."

Tall Tales Told In *Utah Sometimes*

LONG DISTANCE

A group of prospective elk hunters was fortunate in securing the services of an old hunting guide. The first night around their campfire the old guide regaled them with stories.

"I ain't impressed," he said, "with any of them tales about people hittin' game from a triflin' 300 or 400 yards. Le'mme tell you about the day I was moochin' along a mountain trail when these here telescope eyes of mine spotted a buck. I rammed a charge down the barrel of my gun, then some wadding and a couple of ounces of salt. I shoved a bullet in on top of that. Then I let go. BANG—and the buck dropped dead in his tracks."

One of the party asked· "What in thunder was your idea putting salt in your gun?"

"Shucks," answered the old geezer, "that deer was so far off I had to do something to keep the meat from spoiling until I could get thar!"

—Deseret News, Mrs. A. H. Hansen, Hooper, Utah.

Archie Inger Presents Painting

To take the place of the tender oil painting of the Savior by Archie Inger which has beautified and hallowed the Dimond chapel for the last few years but which has now been removed to its rightly owners, Hayward ward, for their own new chapel, Elder Inger, our beloved Oakland High Councilor and Hayward member, has presented Dimond with a beautiful oil painthing from his hands and entitled, "Be Not Afraid, It is I."

The picture depicts a little boy and girl looking up into the face of the Savior. Elder Inger tells that he received the inspiration for the expression on the Savior's face from expressions he has caught on people's faces at times when they did acts of kindness and mercy.

Brother Inger is a highly gifted artist and is also the author of the widely read and touching volumn entilled, The Rejected Crown." Three wards of Oakland stake now can claim his paintings, Hayward, Dimond and Elmhurst.

Richard (Dick) Owens of Berkelev Second Ward, Becomes Director of Agri. For the Calif. State C. of C.

Everyone was delighted early in May to learn of the distinct honor and high position offered to former bishop's counsellor, stake superintendent of MIA, Richard W. Owens of Berkeley.
W. Owens of Berkeley. He now heads the Dept. of Agr. of the great Chamber of Commerce of the state of California, with offices in San Francisco. He holds a Masters degree from U. C.

"Dick" has been affiliated with the California State Farm Bureau with Von Ellsworth's office for some years.

Your Kids Get Poor Grades, Too?

Metropolitan opera soprano Elena Nikoladi has a collection of school records of famous men. Here are some excerpts from some of them:

Winston Churchill was one of the worst students at Harrow. His father sent him to Sandhurst (Britain's West Point) because his son's marks were not high enough to study law.

South America's late field marshal, Jan Smuts finally learned to read and write at the age of 12.

Field Marshal Montgomery flunked once at Sandhurst.

Gerhart Hauptmann, one of Germany's greatest writers, failed in high school in German literature and composition. His teacher told him: "A man who can't even write a simple letter correctly will never amount to anything."

G. B. Shaw's teachers also thought he was a hopeless case. Sometimes he missed high school classes five days in a row.

The prize of them all concerns Prof. Albert Einstein. He had many difficulties in high school, especially in—you guessed it—mathematics!—Quoted.

Salt Lake City Man Returns Lost Wallet

George D. Pickering of Utah said goodbye to the $90 in his wallet after the wallet was lost last week in downtown Salt Lake City—and contained no identification.

But he didn't count on the honesty of the finder.

Dr. Hugh W. Christensen of Val Verda in Davis county found the wallet and then tracked down the owner by checking police "list" reports. Pickering got the money back early this week.—Des. News.

Want Back Numbers "Children's Friend"

If you can spare back numbers of the Primary magazine, "The Children's Friend," copies for he last five to ten years, will you please communicate with Marjorie Pyle, member of the Berkeley stake Primary board. Address· 1511 Josephine St., Berkeley: Ph. ASHberry 3-6381.

Your response will be greatly appreciated and will help the children of the Primary ages.

Harry Fletcher Given Praise in Magazine

The Pacific Mutual Insurance company with which Elder Harry Fletcher was identified for so many successful years, pays a pleasant mead of appreciation to the name and good work of our late patriarch of Oakland stake. In their magazine, "Pacific Mutual Railroad" of December, 1950, appears an article of double column length entitled, "Harry R. Fletcher." It begins thus:

"It is with deepest regret that we report the passing on December 15 of Harry R. Fletcher, western representative at Oakland, Calif. Mr. Fletcher came with the railroad department (of the insurance company) in 1931, and shortly thereafter became one of the leading producers of the west. Altho in poor health in recent years, he continued as a regular producer and counselor to his many policy holders . . . . He was a participant in our agents group insurance plan."

The article then quotes from a letter written by a close friend and associate in the insurance work:

"On Monday, December 18, I attended the funeral services of our friend, Harry R. Fletcher in the church of the Latter-day Saints. My first thought, after noting the quiet dignity of the mourners who filled the entire church, was the fine tributes paid this man. . . . . They talked as personal friends and fellow churchmen, extolling his virtues and his unfailing devotion to duty in administration to the sick and to those in sorrow and trouble whenever he was called—day or night. Also, in contrast to the serious side of life, he was remembered as a pleasant fellow whose ready wit and ready twinkle in his eye made everyone with whom he came in contact just a little happier . . . .

"I might add that everyone on the SPRR, where Harry represented our company, expressed these same sentiments. . . . While I was saddened by the loss of an old friend it is very gratifying to have the fact brought out in his passing that an insurance representative occupied a place of real importance among rail road people, as well as the community. Our extreme sympathy is extended to Mrs. Fletcher and family."

Fresno Stake Organized May 20

Fresno Stake was organized May 20, being the 185th stake in the Church and the 20th in California. Named to head the new stake is Alywn C. Session, counselor to the president of the Northern California mission, with couselors Eldon J. Calilster and Ralph A MacDonald and Samuel Ferguson as cleck. Samuel is a brother of our Thomas S. Ferguson.

President Session a native, of southern Idaho, is well known to many in the east bay. He holds a Ph.D degree in plant physiology and serves as research and technical supervisor for Calif. Spray Chemical Corp.

Elder Callister, also a native of Idaho, is district agricultural appraiser for the Bank of America in Merced and Madera Counties..

Elder Macdonald was born in Mesa, Arizona, being no doubt, a relative of W. Aird MacDonald, A civil and electrical engineer by profession he now is assigned to the Pine Flat Dam, a civil work for flood control. Both he and Elder Callister have served in the Fresno District presidencies.

Berkeley's former Lyle Coombs is the New stake's Relief Society president. Wards formed are Chowchilla, Fresno, First and Second, Merced, Los Banos, West Fresno, and Tulare and Hanford. Total population 2484. Radiating from Fresno the distances of wards and branches vary from 88 for Avenal, 71 for Coalingo, to 52 for Merced. The Closest to Fresno is Dinuba and Chowchilla, each 30 miles away. Compared to these distances Berkeley and Oakland stakes are closely knit units.

Jean Ranker Weds

The wedding reception of Jean Ranker, bride of Paul L. Gardner, will be held at the Happy Valley home of Dr. and Mrs. Emery R. Ranker Saturday, June 16, from four to seven.

They were married in the Salt Lake temple.

Everyone is wishing the happy couple every joy and success in their lives together.

David P. Gardner Gives Recital

May 24 was a most pleasant evening for those who attended recital given by Berkeley First ward's talented pianist and organist, David Pierpont Gardner. He was presented by his teacher, Eileen Coggin of Alameda.

David has studied piano for six years and the organ four years. It is interesting to know that most of his organ practice has been gained on the Berkeley organ in early morning while most of us are still "in the hay," as they say. His usual hours of practice have been from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., and that means darkness hours in the winter months. Had to be done before school time.

Equally balanced has been the activities of David in church and at school. Now a priest, he has served in turn as president of both the deacons and teachers quorums, and also a president of the student body at Garfield Junior high school and at Berkeley high school. Now he is a student at the University of California and plans to attend BYU next year. David is the youngest member of the Northern California Chapter of the American Guild of Orgainsts.

His ambition is to fill a mission for the church in due time. He is the son of Reed Gardner. His mother, Margaret, died some years ago.

Berkeley Stake

ELAINE BROCKBANK EVANS
Sculptor

By Ammaleone D. Patton

Berkeley stake has many church members of unusual talents and abilities in varied fields. These people we meet at our services, but since they are humble and unassuming, we seldom know of their accomplishments and often fail to use or appreciate them.

The many friends of our gifted artist and sculptor, Sister Elaine Brockbank Evans, will be happy to learn that on a recent visit to Salt Lake City she was interviewed by KSL in Salt Lake City, and exhibited some of her sculpture on television at that time.

Sister Evans tutored under the outstanding Latter-day Saint artist, Avard Fairbanks, for many years. Later she took her master's degree at Ann Arbor, Michigan, nd taught in the training school there for some time. Her husband, Brother Jack Evans, is also an alumnus of Ann Arbor. Sister Evans seems to interpret or "catch" a spirituality in her work that is most unusual. Critics have praised her work most highly on that score.

Brother and Sister Evans have three lovely children, Shari, Gayle and Gregory. They are members of Berkeley First ward.

An air mail letter from Elder Wm. (BILL) Vaughn, Claremont ward, who now is serving in Australia, says that the figures for that down-under continent are 4000 inhabitants per one LDS, whereas the general average in other missions is 2000 to one. In short that land is really "down-under" in its interest in religion, and in that of the Church of Jesus Christ in particular.

Elder Vaughn seems to be cheerful nevertheless; says the people are most hospitable and friendly. His new address is 62 Olinda Street, Bendigo, Victoria, Australia.

George E. Southgate Sends Greetings

Our old and very dear friends, the well known and beloved former Berkeleyites and church leaders, George and Effie Southgate. send their love and greetings to all friends in the east bay area.

In a letter dated May 8, comments on their enjoyment at reading of their friends in the Messenger each month. George refers to the passing of his close companion. Harry Fletcher, former patriarch of Oakland stake. and to an old friend also now gone, Bishop Dunyon.

"I am in bed! Sheet street, Blanket avenue, Pillow canyon—call it what you may, it is just plain B-E-D. Had a severe attack of 'nerves.' a conglomeration of polio. a dozen 'itises,' new and old, plus those mysterious irritations incident to getting old, etc. But due to the careful nursing of my faithful 'Old Dutch,' and the blessings of the elders, I am now beginning to again see the horizon. The Valley of the Shadow hovered pretty near at times.

Lucille and Earl and their two children are well and so is Effie."